

HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

THE BROAD ROCK DRIVING, RACK ASSOCIATION FORMED.

Death of Ninon—Sale of the Hackney Stallion Danegelt—Maud S. and Sunol in New York—Tasty Nomenclature.

THE parties interested in getting up the race track in Chesterfield county have secured one hundred acres of land, being a part of the Broad Rock tract facing on the Hull street extension, south of the Belt line of the Richmond and Petersburg railroad, which runs within a very short distance of the land, on which the track is to be built.

The soil, which is a dark loam, very spriny and elastic, has been pronounced by that competent authority, Colonel C. P. E. Burgwyn, as the best to be obtained for the purpose in this section. Colonel Burgwyn gives out his verdict after a most careful examination of the location, and its surroundings. The gentlemen at the head of the enterprise propose starting it under the name of the Broad Rock Driving Park Association, and its appointments and surroundings will be first-class in every respect. The minor details will be looked after and receive the same careful attention which will characterize that of greater importance. Major Fred R. Scott, president of the Richmond and Petersburg railroad, has promised the erection of a new and complete station. The erection of a handsome hotel is contemplated, while a first-class clubhouse is to be erected on the grounds of the Association. Parties on this side of the James river have pronounced the location far more accessible than any other site that could have been secured on terms even remotely approaching those extended by Major Walker, of Chesterfield county, and his brother-in-law, Major T. H. Brooks, of Newburgh, N. Y. The proximity of the Belt line and the extension of the electric street railway to the grounds will make the facilities for reaching the Driving Park nothing short of first-class. The president of the Street Railway Company takes great interest in the enterprise, and tenders substantial aid. Mr. H. C. Chamblin, one of the most prominent horsemen in Virginia, and known throughout the State as the proprietor of Whitty Stock Farm, in Chesterfield county, will assume the duties as president of the Association, and have charge of the horse department. Mr. John C. Tolbert, of this city, well-known as an extensive dealer in real estate, mineral lands and other properties, will be vice-president and general manager. Mr. W. J. Carter, secretary and treasurer of the Virginia Trotting Horse Association, will hold the position of secretary. The other officers, such as treasurer and board of directors, have not yet been chosen, but will be substantial business men and horsemen.

The company will be placed at \$100,000, divided into shares of \$25 each, and all money derived from the sale of stock will be devoted to improving the grounds of the Association. Messrs. Dwyer and Wilkes have exhibited commendable spirit of enterprise and liberality in taking out the purchase price of the land in stock issued by the Association. Major Walker has long been identified with the trotting horse interest as an owner and otherwise. In 1870 he purchased and brought to this State the stallion Hester's Hambletonian, his brother to the great trotting sire Danvers and Scotland, 2:23 3/4, whose daughters were the dams of Three Tips, 2:25 1/4, and Miss Thompson, 2:24 1/4, records made at the late Exposition trotting meeting. The establishment of this enterprise, or rather, as it were, the revival of the historic old Broad Rock race course, will arouse to memory in the minds of the older Virginians associations connected with days gone by, when King, Gold, Ingham, Wagner and other noted thoroughbreds of that time competed in four mile contests.

The Times placed before its readers a short time since information relative to the establishment of a race track, which will be of the regulation pattern, and one of the fastest and safest in the country. The formation of the Broad Rock Driving Park Association and the wise management of its affairs will give to the interest already felt in the high class horse throughout the State and bring many thousands of dollars to the pockets of those directly or indirectly interested in that class of stock.

Lancelot, 2:24 3/4 (the last foal of Green Mountain Maid, the dam of Electioneer, sire of 128 standard performers), sire of Leone, 2:25 1/4 (as a yearling) and Unkempt, 2:27 1/2, is but five years old, as are Nook and Russian, the dams of Leone and Unkempt.

Baron Hirsch heads the list of winning race horses owned in England for the past season. Eight horses in his stable won twenty-two races worth \$105,000, nearly \$100,000 of which was won by his great three-year-old filly Lu Fleche, a daughter of St. Simon. Baron Hirsch was the largest winner on the English turf since 1889, when the Duke of Portland had placed to his credit more than double the amount won by Baron Hirsch this year. The amount won by the Duke of Portland in 1889 has never been equaled by any owner in this country in a single year, though some years since, while the firm of Dwyer Brothers existed, they had placed to their credit over two hundred thousand dollars as the result of one season's operations on the turf.

Captain R. J. Hancock, of Ellerslie Farm, Albemarle county, sustained a heavy loss on the 7th instant in the death of the bay mare Ninon, foaled 1879 by War Dane (son of Lexington and Reel), by imported Glencoe, dam Golding by Ringgold (son of Boston), out of Fairy. By imported Albion (N. Y.) was the dam of Elvra, Raymond G. A. C., and at the time of her death was foal to Lolus.

The name of the Hackney, which until a few years ago was scarcely ever heard on this side of the Atlantic, is now mentioned on all sides. Some pretty stiff battles have been paid for select individuals of this breed by gentlemen who are evidenced by the amount received by Senator Henry Fairfax, of Loudoun county, Va., for the stallion Masterless of Londonderry, sold to Dr. W. Seward Webb, of Vermont, for \$15,000. The price obtained by Mr. Fairfax for this stallion has been far exceeded by a recent sale in England, when the phenomenal sum of 5,000 guineas was obtained for the Hackney stallion Danegelt (English Hackney Stud Book, 15). He was purchased by Mr. Gelbey—a famous breeder of pure and other families of horses—from Mr. Bourdass, Londonderry, is the sire of Masterless of Londonderry, now at the head of Dr. W. Seward Webb's stud in Vermont, which position he formerly occupied at Mr. Henry Fairfax's farm in Virginia. Danegelt was by Denmark, who was generally conceded to be the greatest horse of his breed in England.

A specimen of neat, tasty and suggestive nomenclature was exhibited in naming the colt "Triangle," by Alicantara, out of Goltar, she out of Cymbal (dam of Verdi), she out of Zither (dam of Flageolet), who was out of Music's dam by Rose Fiddler. Triangle is owned by the celebrated Fashion Stud Farm, of New Jersey. Henry N. Smith (formerly a noted Wall-street broker) proprietor. This same establishment owned the trotting stallion Tattler, 2:26, by Pilot, Jr., out of Telette. Three of Tattler's sons kept at the farm were named Slander, Humor and Gossip.

James Golden, the noted trotting horse-trainer and driver, of Medford, Mass., says that two or three scores of

to horses every day make the best appetizer he has yet discovered.

It is said that Maud S. retains the same freedom of action which once made her queen of the trotting turf. She is perfectly sound, and her owner's faith is strong in her ability to beat 2:04 hooked to the bicycle sulky. Mr. Bonner's other great mare, Sunol, 2:28 1/4, is in his private stable in New York city, where she will pass the winter. She will be regularly jogged over the drives in Central Park, and in the spring will be returned to the stable of Charles Stravin, at Madison, Pa., whose master has guided the elegant daughter of Electioneer in her flights against time, when she made a two-year-old record of 2:38 1/4, which was reduced to 2:19 1/2 three years ago, and she trotted into the same notch at four, and during 1891, at five years old, she gained the world's record of 2:08 1/4. Each of these were champion records at the time they were made. Hence, the three-year-old mark of 2:10 1/2 still stands at the head, though it was equalled this year by Arion (son of Electioneer and Manette by Nutwood), though the latter is a two-year-old. Sunol enabled him to require championship honors at that age by trotting to a record of 2:19 3/4. Sunol is in prime bodily health, and shows not the slightest sign of lameness. Maud S. has a number of other mares yet trotting down to the record.

Morello's younger brother, owned by P. Lorillard, Hancock Stud Farm, New Jersey, has been named Morelloco. It is to be hoped that he may prove a veritable clincher in his two-year-old form, as did that other good colt of a like age, Morello, by Eolus, out of Cerise by Moccasin.

A good bit of naming is Daredevil, by Wilful out of Gavotte, as is Royal English, by King Gallop out of Esmeralda, while Sans and Dance, by The Bard, out of Heel and Toe, and Patrician, by St. Blaise out of Peerless, are examples hard to beat.

Major R. J. Hancock's bay mare Grace Darling was sired by Jonesboro (son of Lexington and Alice Jones by imported Glencoe) dam Ninette (dam of Midway and Diavolo) by Revenue, grand dam the great mare "Dancer," by The Bard, out of Eschquer, Orion, Ecliptic, &c., by Boston. Grace Darling had four sons by Eolus, as follows: Diabolo (French), Diabolo (Spanish), Diabolo (Portuguese), while the fourth bears the Latin name Diabolo, by the late named as a youngster by the late Eschquer, Orion, Ecliptic, &c., by Boston. Grace Darling had four sons by Eolus, as follows: Diabolo (French), Diabolo (Spanish), Diabolo (Portuguese), while the fourth bears the Latin name Diabolo, by the late named as a youngster by the late Eschquer, Orion, Ecliptic, &c., by Boston.

Eon, a young horse of Major Hancock's breeding, will take his place with the Ellerslie stallions Eolus and imported Charaxus during the season of 1923. Eon was sired by Eolus, out of the celebrated brood mare War Song (dam of Eole, Eolus, St. Saviour, Eole, Eole, &c.) by W. J. Dance. His turf career was a phenomenal one. Under the colors of the Dwyer stable he made sixty-eight starts, taking first money in thirty-four races, just one-half the number of times he has been applied to, but on the turf during his career on the turf. Apart from his fine breeding, he is a horse of superb physique. The huge son of Eolus should make a worthy stud companion for his distinguished sire, whose successor in the Ellerslie stud he is ultimately destined to become, due honor being accorded to that very successful sire, imported Charaxus, also the stud companion of Eolus.

Eon's prestige as a sire, and his association with the blood lines and splendid individuality, entitle him to consideration, as a sire, and his career on the turf will be watched with much interest.

The big mare Martha Wilkes has gained more notoriety this year than any campaigner on the trotting turf. She has gone into winter quarters at the home of her owner, E. D. Wiggin, of Lelingtonham, Mass., and it is just possible that she will be bred to the stallion of the Dwyer stable, the daughter of Alcione who will be sent away from the stable of her owner, under whose management she will be campaigned in 1923, while the Duke of Portland will be entered in the free-for-all classes, but there are so many great horses out that she will have plenty of good company, and her owner thinks she should have a try out of the racing classes during the latter part of the season she will be fitted for a fast mark against time. Martha Wilkes is a large black mare, of rather homely appearance. She is brought to the stud and has produced three foals. She was sired by Alcione, dam Ella (dam of Prince Egbert, 2:29 1/2), by Clark Chief. While her sire, the dead Alcione, stamped her with the special race-horse qualities characteristic of his get, she inherits none of his matchless form and finish. However, to use an often-quoted phrase, "handsome is as handsome does," Martha Wilkes is a great roadster, perfectly kind and gentle, and is frequently driven by a lady. In her races she is always willing to do her best, and a more level-headed trotter does not exist.

Ormonde, the great thoroughbred stallion, the great thoroughbred in South Australia, by William O'Brien McDonough, of California, for \$120,000, will be shipped to England, and make a short stud season in that country next spring, and will be brought to Mr. Nicholson's farm in California. Ormonde is said to weigh 1,100 pounds. Computing from that standpoint, he cost his owner \$123 1/2 per pound. It is estimated that it will cost \$15,000 more to land the horse in this country, and his cost to his owner is \$138 1/2 per pound. It will make him cost just \$150 per pound.

The stallion Equinox made a record of 2:29 1/2 in his first race at the Independence (La.) trotting meeting in another race and subsequently reduced his record to 2:27 1/2. Equinox was sired by Strader's Cassius M. Clay, Jr., who was foaled in 1852. It seems like reviving dim memories of the past, putting records away back of the year 1852. It only forcibly exemplifies the force of the old adage that it is never too late to improve. It also proves that well-bred stock placed in competent hands is apt to show up well sometimes when well advanced in age, as further instanced by the example of the eighteen-year-old stallion Melrose, by Victor von Bismarck, that previous to this spring had not worn harness for nine years. He had been used for such purposes during the time, and has a number of fast ones in the 2:30 list, yet during the past summer, with limited handling, he trotted to a record of 2:29 1/4. Another instance is that of the old mare Nora Lee, by Woodford, 2:29 1/4, who was foaled in 1852. Being out of condition last year, she was not bred. This season she was placed in training and given a mark of 2:29 1/4. Cassius M. Clay, Jr., mentioned above is the sire of Equinox, bred on the farm of his daughters, and his blood enters into the pedigrees of many great trotters. His blood was transmitted to a limited extent in this section by the gray stallion P. F. V., who was by Mambrino Patchen, out of a mare by Strader's C. M. Clay, Jr., and formerly owned by Mr. O. J. Schoolcraft, then of Richmond. P. F. V. sired four daughters here before being sent away. They are owned by Richmond gentlemen, and the quartette has been consigned to the breeding ranks. They are as follows: Haze, owned by Mr. Preston Belvin; L. B. C., owned by Captain W. Miles Gray; Kitey, owned by Joseph Bryan, Esq.; and Otis Patchen, the property of Mr. H. C. Chamblin. They have been bred to such sires as Norfolk, sire of Miss Nel-



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son, 2:28 1/4; Manchester, sire of Vermette, 2:22 3/4; Carlos, sire of Roy, 2:26; Signet, 2:23 1/4; sire of Clifton, 2:27; Woodburn Hambletonian, sire of Branchwood, 2:35; pacing, Egwood, 2:18 1/2; Bourbon Baron and Willis, the products by Exposition, are showing up well on the track and in the stud. Haze, L. B. C. and Kitey have the gray color of their sire, while Otis Patchen inherits the chestnut coat of her dam, Norwood. I suppose the freedom of some pastures with Kitey and other high-bred equine matrons.

Mr. S. B. Nelson, of this city, has purchased of G. A. Fittz, of Petersburg, Va., a bay three-year-old colt, called Curcurey. He is a natural pacer, and was driven a quarter over the Exposition track a few days ago in thirty-eight seconds by Mr. Joseph P. Station. The youngster has had little or no handling, but is naturally very speedy. He gives promise of making a fast performer at the diagonal and meet.

Mr. Nelson's stallion, Money Hunter, 2:25 1/4, out of a high-strung, nervous mare, who was unafraid in harness and of untraced breeding. Curcurey was bred by Mr. W. J. Hensley, of this city, who sold him to Mr. Nelson as a yearling, and he soon after disposed of the colt to Mr. Fittz, of Petersburg, whose property he has remained since the spring of 1891, recently when he was repurchased by Mr. Nelson.

THE UNIVERSITY DEGREE AGAIN.

Professor Dabney Replies to Mr. Geo. W. Miles—An "Old Alumnus" Also Speaks.

To the Editor of the Times: Although the "Reply to Professor Dabney" in today's Times is much more an attack on the board of visitors—whom the writer, Mr. G. W. Miles, Jr., declares to be a band of repulsive educational communists—than a reply to anything that I said in your last Sunday's issue, I suppose that I shall have to attempt a reply to Mr. Miles. I am loath to do so; but, as it is very important for the public to understand exactly what the board have really done, I will once more try to make the matter clear.

I tried very hard to make it plain in my other letter; but, as Mr. Miles seems to have misunderstood me, a few additional explanations will be necessary. Many persons reading Mr. Miles' letter without having read mine would gain the impression that the board of visitors have declared that holders of arts from certain other colleges shall be permitted to apply for the M. A. degree of the University on equal terms with our own bachelors. The latter must take advanced courses in four "schools" in order to receive the higher degree; and Mr. Miles says nothing to show that the former must do more than this. Such, however, is the case, for the board have expressly provided that they must take, in addition, the "B. A. courses" in those schools. In other words, the only concession made to them is that, in consideration of the mental training and knowledge evidenced by their having taken the degree of some reputable college, they be exempted from one-half of the B. A. work here. From the other half they are not excused, while they must perform here all of the advanced work.

It is to be supposed that to a man capable of doing the M. A. work in a given "school" the B. A. course in that school would be a mere bagatelle, the supposition would be based upon lack of knowledge as to the real nature of the B. A. courses. If we take the school of Latin, for example, it may surprise Mr. Miles to learn that the board have ordered that the B. A. course in this school should differ from the old "Intermediate" course differed from the "Senior," but also in kind. The very terms "Junior," "Intermediate" and "Senior" have been abolished, and it is ordered that the B. A. course should comprise a far greater amount of Latin translation than has ever before been required at the University, as well as lectures on Roman history, literature and general civilization, while the aim of the M. A. course will be to fit students by a rigid drill in syntax (not omitting other matters of importance) for the position of teachers of the language. Thus it is seen that the M. A. course does not include the one does in quantity take the M. A. course, not necessarily imply a knowledge of the other. It is altogether a delusion to suppose that the board wish to cheapen and lower the M. A. degree. Indeed, it will be much more difficult to graduate now than it was formerly. For then a man could graduate by merely taking the "Senior" class, whereas now he must take both the B. A. and the M. A. courses, each of which will give him a year's work. And so of abundant work to perform. And so of the other schools. To graduate in history, for example, he must take not only the B. A. course in general history, but

last summer, we read: "M. A.—A degree for advanced University work, open to such students as shall have first attended the B. A. degree, either in this University or at some other university, and whose learning, provided, in the latter case that the faculty shall deem said degree the full equivalent of the B. A. degree granted here, and further provided, that the candidate shall, in all cases, have taken the B. A. courses in this University of such schools as he elects for his advanced work."

All the great universities, at home and abroad, allow much weight to the degrees which are given in their conservatory advanced courses in these universities, bringing with them from reputable institutions of learning. In all of them, in England, in America and in Germany, the faculty shall be given to their faculties to accept or reject these degrees, by examination or otherwise, as seems good to each faculty. But, while admitting the principle as sound, the visitors of the University have, in their conservatism, expressly provided that even if the B. A. degree from other "chartered institutions of learning" be accepted as of equal weight, representing two or three years of preliminary work elsewhere, all candidates for the M. A. shall be required to have approved of their election of the four "schools" for advanced work) pursue and graduate in the B. A. courses at the University in each of the four schools elected in addition to graduation in the M. A. courses.

In most of the academic schools of the University the work in the B. A. courses is about a year ahead of the usual requirements in the great majority of American colleges, so that a student from other institutions on coming to the University to apply for his M. A. will find that he has first to be a graduate of the University in all the B. A. courses of such schools as he elects for his master's degree.

Surely, conservatism can go no farther without becoming "fossilism."

It may, indeed, be the case that a bright B. A. from some minor college may be prepared to go on at once with the "advanced work." In such a case the fact could be easily established by a preliminary examination, and the candidate shall be allowed to pursue both courses (B. A. and M. A.) at the same time. But the regulation of the board is positive that "in all cases" he must be a graduate in the B. A. course as well as in the M. A. course.

As regards the B. A. course, it is now known that the board, in accordance with the purpose announced nearly a year ago (page 58 of the "Reply") has extended the number of departments, by keeping in view the undervaluing principle that "none of the great departments of human learning may be altogether neglected." Further comment seems to be unnecessary.

The rector and visitors have shown in their "Reply" that they know that their own minds have the courage of their convictions. They are abundantly able to take care of themselves and are not apt to be greatly moved by hysterical rhetoric. Presumably Mr. George W. Miles, Jr., is a young man, and after his own "frenzy" becomes somewhat cooled by the information that this is no new thing, but that it was published to the world months ago, and elicited the unqualified endorsement from the most distinguished masters of arts of the university, he may feel somewhat ashamed of having so gratuitously impugned the motives of the visitors by declaring that "for the sake of increased numbers there is a willingness to sacrifice the name of the University, its requirements and prestige."

It is an "open secret" that a majority of the faculty of the University approve of the charges made, and it is just possible while it may not, of course, be true that these gentlemen, the members of the board, may be as jealous of the "name, requirements and prestige" of the University as Mr. George W. Miles, Jr., himself.

It is a venture, in conclusion, to make one suggestion. Let the visitors, in continuation of their good work, insist upon an entrance examination for all students desiring to matriculate at the University, and when this shall have been done, then, to employ the fine old Roman phrase, I think that they may justly consider themselves to have "deserved well of the State."

I am sure that Professor Dabney, whose trenchant pen proves him the brightest of advocates in a good cause, will pardon this seeming "poaching on his preserves" by an OLD ALUMNUS.

December 21, 1922.
(Mr. Miles is an "M. A." and headmaster of a classical school at Radford—Eds.)

Recent Publications.
JOHN WYCLIFF, by Lewis Sergeant, G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. For sale by West, Johnston & Co., Richmond.

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THE UNMARRIED WOMAN, by Eliza Chester. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. For sale by West, Johnston & Co., Richmond.

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JOHN HUGHES, D. D. by Rev. Henry A. Braun. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. For sale by West, Johnston & Co., Richmond.

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ALMOST FOURTEEN, by Mortimer A. Warren. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. For sale by West, Johnston & Co., Richmond.

The author says that the book is designed as a gift from parents to their sons and daughters who are about to pass the age of fourteen. It is well intimated that the book should not be found upon the parlor table, but more properly in desk or drawer. It is also a question if many parents will make this use of the book of the author of instilling modesty into the youthful mind by a perusal of this volume.

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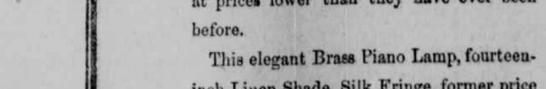
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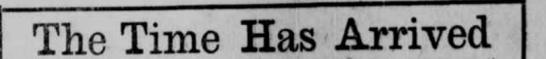
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